



MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

From: Claire Bozic

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2012

Re: Potential CMAQ Operations Projects Arising from LTA Plans

In October 2010, CMAP was awarded a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist with the implementation of GO TO 2040. With funding from this grant, CMAP launched the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, which involves providing assistance to communities across the Chicago metropolitan region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040. CMAP is currently working with 70 local governments, nonprofits, and intergovernmental organizations to address local issues at the intersection of transportation, land use, and housing, including the natural environment, economic growth, and community development.

This memorandum lists a number of potential CMAQ operations projects that have been recommended or supported in municipal comprehensive plans produced through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The operations oriented projects that are most central to the success of the plans include:

- Berwyn. The Berwyn Comprehensive Plan supports the Cermak Rd Smart Corridor, which has been prioritized in the Cook-DuPage Corridor Study (pg 20).
- Blue Island. One of the top recommendations of the Blue Island Comprehensive Plan is the conversion of Western Avenue and Gregory Street, now a one-way pair through the City's downtown, back to two-way streets (pg 37-41). This is recommended for purposes of pedestrian safety and support for transit-oriented development in the area, and has been a frequent recommendation of past plans in Blue Island. Also, the plan addresses the need for repair and rehabilitation of two bridges across the Cal-Sag that have been closed to vehicle traffic due to inadequate maintenance (pg 56-58).

- Carpentersville. The Old Town Plan for Carpentersville recommends access management improvements, specifically connecting parking lots and removing curb cuts, near the Main Street (IL 72) bridge over the Fox River (pg 37).
- Norridge. As part of major redevelopment at the corner of Harlem Avenue and Montrose Avenue, the Comprehensive Plan recommends examining whether the alignment of this intersection (the two legs of Montrose do not align) can be improved (pg 35, 62).